

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. KALAMARIDES  
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the recognition of the  
6 Eastern Orthodox Church.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN FIRST LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION  
8 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church is one of the major  
10 faiths in the nation and in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church was the church that first  
12 brought the Christian Faith to Alaska; and

13 WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church is comprised of the fol-  
14 lowing branches: Bulgarian, Copt (Abyssinian), Greek, Montenegrin,  
15 Rumanian, Russian, Serbian and Syrian; and

16 WHEREAS, by custom and usage it has been common practice when  
17 reference is made to the major faiths to specify them as being  
18 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish without mention of the Eastern  
19 Orthodox Church; and

20 WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church is entitled to and should  
21 receive general public recognition as one of the major confessions  
22 in this state and should be included in all public references  
23 thereto; and

24 WHEREAS, it would therefore appear that a religious distinc-  
25 tion is being made against the Eastern Orthodox Church which is  
26 contrary to the liberal spirit and democratic principles of our  
27 state and national governments;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legis-  
29 lature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that the

1 Eastern Orthodox Church be fully recognized as a major faith and  
2 that the forms of official papers of this state and all local  
3 governments thereof which refer to the major faiths and now limit  
4 to Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religions, should be changed to  
5 Protestant, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that all persons writing for publication or  
7 using other media of public expression or communication in this  
8 state are hereby requested to include the Eastern Orthodox Church  
9 upon all occasions when specific reference is made to other faiths.

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